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1. During the night of 17 June 1953, 6 explosions, described by source as acts of sabotage, occurred on the Stettin railroad bridge. Three railroad cars were destroyed. The bridge was only slightly damaged but it was still blocked off on the morning of 18 June. The bridge was expected to be open for traffic by evening.
2. Between 0015 and 0100 hours on 2 July a column composed of an undetermined number of tanks coming from Berlin passed through Biesdorf going east.
3. On 3 July the forest west of the railroad line near Buch was occupied by troops. Between 2200 hours and midnighon 30 June and on 2 July troops were loaded on boxcars at Berlin Ostbahnhof. The troops trains allegedly were destined for Frankfurt/Oder.
4. At 1930 hours on 3 July a train of about 18 cars loaded at the Rummelsburg freight station. Four cars carried one T-34 tank each; 10 cars were loaded with wooden crates, each about the size of a boxcar.

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6. At 0030 hours on 2 July a troop train with 15 to 20 field guns of about 76.2 mm., about 10 AA guns, and at least 50 trucks passed through Dresden-Klotzsche towards Wuensdorf.

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- 25X1A 1. Comment: On paras 2 to 5 concerning the departure of Soviet Army units from the Berlin area: It is possible that these are troops which had not yet returned to their home stations or troops training grounds, and that they are now being transferred to the eastern border of East Germany as a consequence of the riots in Poland in order to be available in case of emergency.

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the train carried units
of the 9th Tank Division, probably from Riesa, and AA units, probably
of the 4th Guards AAA Division from Koenigsbrueck).

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